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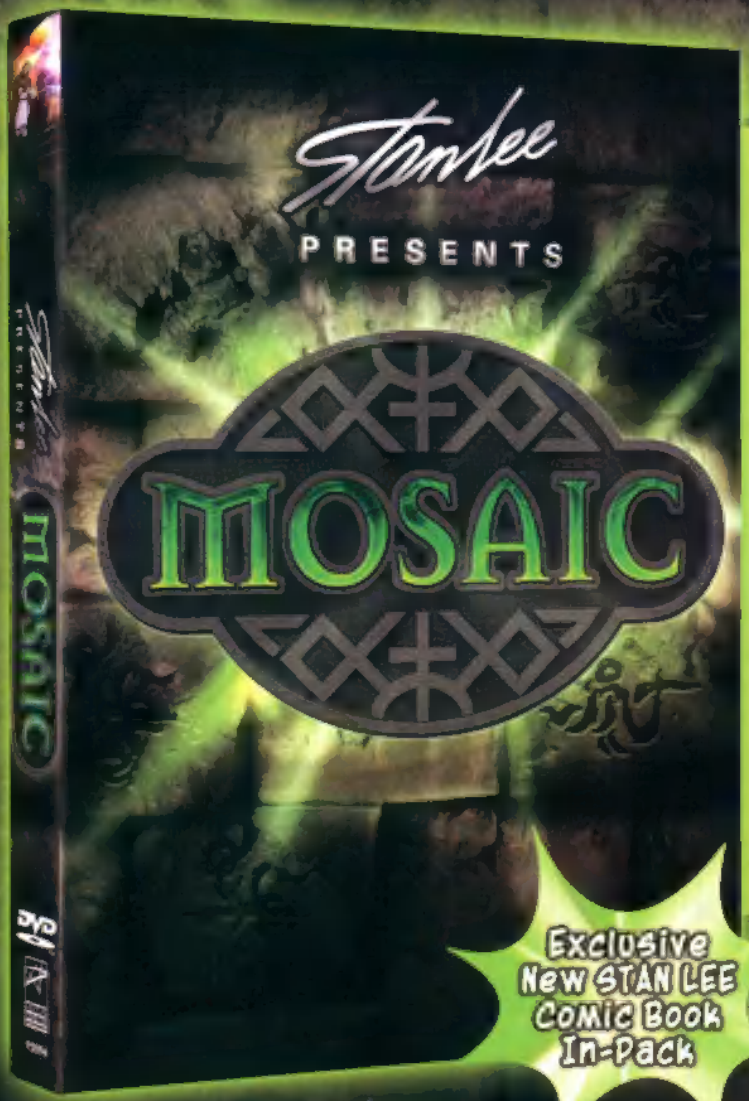

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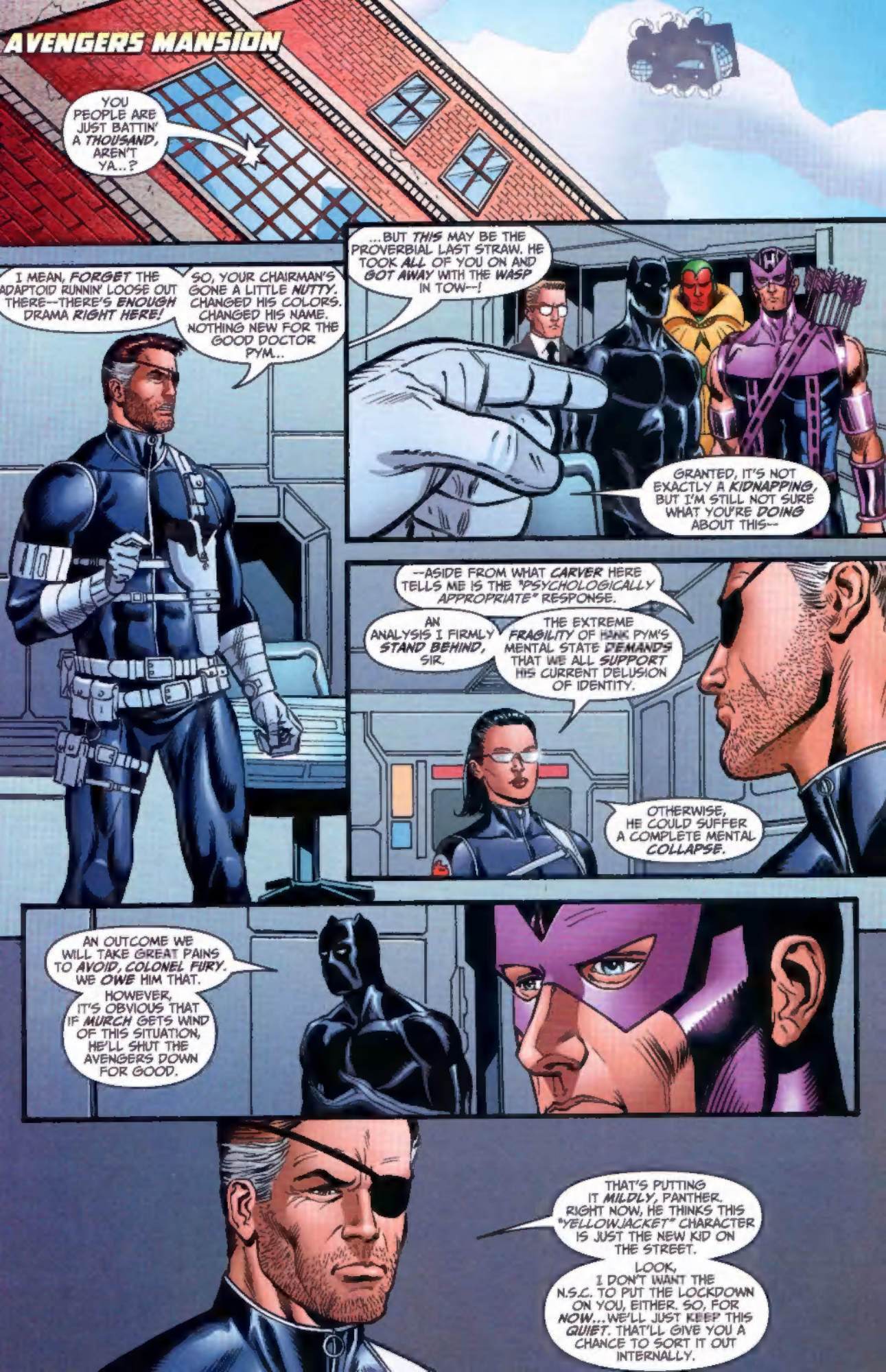
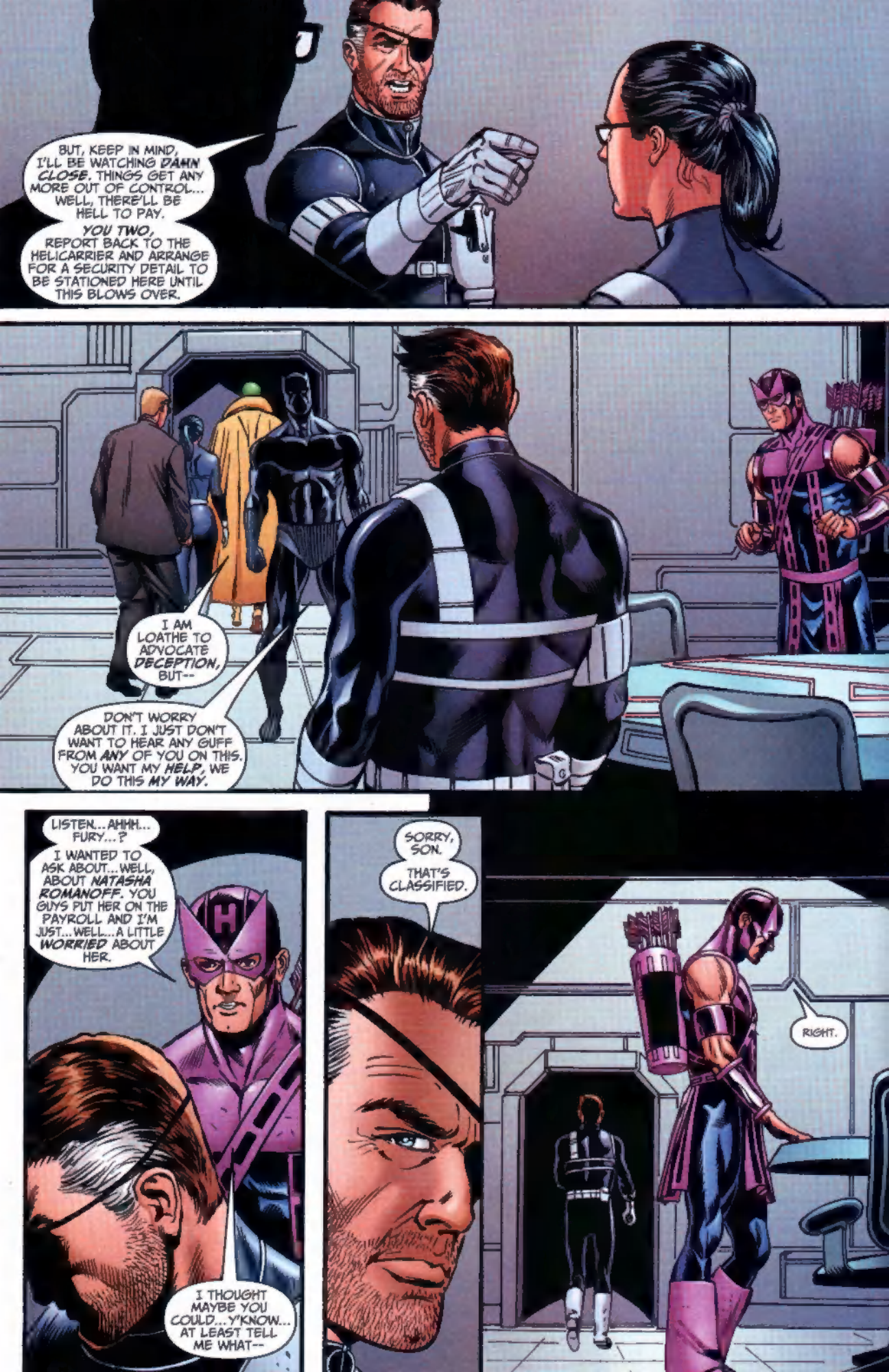
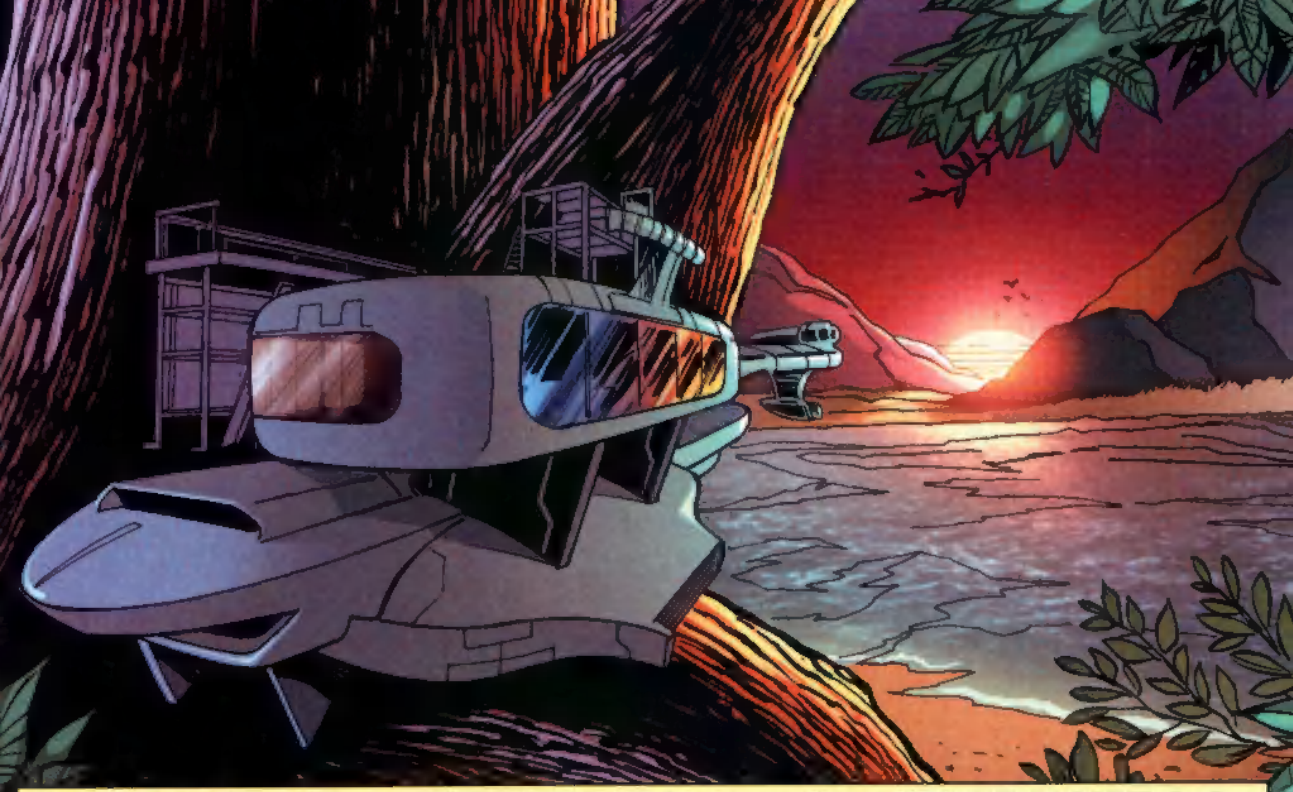

AVENGERS MANSION
YOU PEOPLE ARE JUST BATTIN' A THOUSAND, AREN'T YA...?
I MEAN, FORGET THE ADAPTOID RUNNIN' LOOSE OUT THERE--THERE'S ENOUGH DRAMA RIGHT HERE!
SO, YOUR CHAIRMAN'S GONE A LITTLE NUTTY. CHANGED HIS COLORS. CHANGED HIS NAME. NOTHING NEW FOR THE GOOD DOCTOR PYM...
...BUT THIS MAY BE THE PROVERBIAL LAST STRAW. HE TOOK ALL OF YOU ON AND GOT AWAY WITH THE WASP IN TOW--!
GRANTED, IT'S NOT EXACTLY A KIDNAPPING, BUT I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE DOING ABOUT THIS--
--ASIDE FROM WHAT CARVER HERE TELLS ME IS THE "PSYCHOLOGICALLY APPROPRIATE" RESPONSE.
AN ANALYSIS I FIRMLY STAND BEHIND, SIR.
THE EXTREME FRAGILITY OF HANK PYM'S MENTAL STATE DEMANDS THAT WE ALL SUPPORT HIS CURRENT DELUSION OF IDENTITY.
OTHERWISE, HE COULD SUFFER A COMPLETE MENTAL COLLAPSE.
AN OUTCOME WE WILL TAKE GREAT PAINS TO AVOID, COLONEL FURY. WE OWE HIM THAT.
HOWEVER, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT IF MURCH GETS WIND OF THIS SITUATION, HE'LL SHUT THE AVENGERS DOWN FOR GOOD.
THAT'S PUTTING IT MILDLY, PANTHER. RIGHT NOW, HE THINKS THIS "YELLOWJACKET" CHARACTER IS JUST THE NEW KID ON THE STREET.
LOOK, I DON'T WANT THE N.S.C. TO PUT THE LOCKDOWN ON YOU, EITHER. SO, FOR NOW...WE'LL JUST KEEP THIS QUIET. THAT'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO SORT IT OUT INTERNALLY.


BUT, KEEP IN MIND, I'LL BE WATCHING DAMN CLOSE. THINGS GET ANY MORE OUT OF CONTROL... WELL, THERE'LL BE HELL TO PAY.
YOU TWO, REPORT BACK TO THE HELICARRIER AND ARRANGE FOR A SECURITY DETAIL TO BE STATIONED HERE UNTIL THIS BLOWS OVER.
I AM LOATHE TO ADVOCATE DECEPTION, BUT--
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I JUST DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY GUFF FROM ANY OF YOU ON THIS. YOU WANT MY HELP, WE DO THIS MY WAY.
LISTEN... AHHH... FURY...?
I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT... WELL, ABOUT NATASHA ROMANOFF. YOU GUYS PUT HER ON THE PAYROLL AND I'M JUST... WELL... A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT HER.
I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU COULD... Y'KNOW... AT LEAST TELL ME WHAT--
SORRY, SON.
THAT'S CLASSIFIED.
RIGHT.



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THIS PLACE...
...YOU... BUILT IT YOURSELF...?
IDEAS ARE CHEAP. THEORIES... HYPOTHESES... MIND TRAPS. JUST WAYS TO AVOID GETTING YOUR HANDS DIRTY...!
PYM... WHAT A WASTE. PLAYING WITH HIS STUPID TOYS... THAT'S NOT LIVING.
HE'S BETTER OFF DEAD.

ARE YOU... SURE HE'S REALLY DEAD...?
LOOK AROUND YOU. LOOK AT THIS PLACE. I THINK... MAYBE...THERE'S A POSSIBILITY YOU'RE NOT CONSIDERING...
DON'T YOU THINK THAT--
LOOK, SWEETHEART-- TALKING YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS IS NOT AN OPTION!
IN FACT, WE MIGHT AS WELL GET THIS PARTY STARTED--!
WAIT. DON'T--
WHAT'S THE MATTER?! DON'T TELL ME THIS ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT...!
AFTER ALL THE YEARS YOU SPENT SPINNING YOUR WHEELS WITH THAT IMPOTENT BOOKWORM-- WAITING FOR HIM TO STEP UP AND BE A MAN...
...WHEN WE BOTH KNOW THAT WASN'T HAPPENING. PYM DIDN'T KNOW JACK ABOUT BEING A MAN.
JUST A COMPLETE WASTE OF YOUR TIME...
THAT'S NOT TRUE. HANK PYM WAS A GREAT MAN. A GREAT LEADER.
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YOU'RE NOT SURE, ARE YOU, YELLOWJACKET? THERE'S SOMETHING MISSING IN YOU... SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE NOT ACCEPTING...
...THE TRUTH ABOUT WHO YOU--
ENOUGH WITH THE MIND GAMES, LADY! WHAT'RE YOU-- A SHRINK?! THAT'S NOT WHY I BROUGHT YOU HERE--!
THIS "TRUTH" YOU'RE SO CONCERNED ABOUT...? I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT IS!
THE TRUTH IS... IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU AN' ME. AND I'M--
WHAT... THE HELL ARE YOU --
JUST... CAN WE--

FORGET IT! YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE, JANET! I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO!
BUT LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING... I'M NOT THE KIND OF MAN YOU CAN JUST EMASCULATE WHENEVER YOU FEEL LIKE IT! THAT'S NOT ME!
I'M A DIFFERENT BREED THAN THAT PATHETIC LOSER YOU WERE STUCK ON! OVERGROWN FREAK...
...NOTHING TO SHOW FOR HIS MISERABLE LIFE...
...LOST...
=MMFFF...?!=
OKAY. I THINK... I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND.
SO...NOW WHAT...?

THIRTY-SIX HOURS LATER
ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS IS FOR REAL?!
WE'RE ALL MEANT TO GO ALONG WITH THIS CHARADE FOR THE SAKE OF HANK'S MENTAL WELL-BEING?! WHOSE IDEA WAS IT TO HAVE A WEDDING?!
T'CHALLA, IS FURY REALLY ONBOARD WITH THIS--?!
RELUCTANTLY, TO SAY THE LEAST. IT WAS ONE THING TO MERELY KEEP THINGS QUIET... HANDLE THIS SITUATION INTERNALLY. BUT THE WASP HAS TURNED THINGS INTO A PUBLIC SPECTACLE.
YEAH... LUCKILY THE MEDIA DON'T KNOW GOLIATH FROM YELLOWJACKET FROM ANT-MAN, SO IT HASN'T COMPLETELY BLOWN UP. NOT YET, ANYWAY.
FURY'S STILL KEEPING MURCH OFF OUR BACKS. BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THAT'LL LAST IF JAN GOES THROUGH WITH THIS WHOLE STUPID--
WHAT WAS THAT, HAWKEYE? WERE YOU SAYING SOMETHING...?
I FIGURED YOU'D BE THE LAST PERSON WHO WOULD WANT TO CAUSE TROUBLE ON THE DAY I'M GETTING MARRIED...

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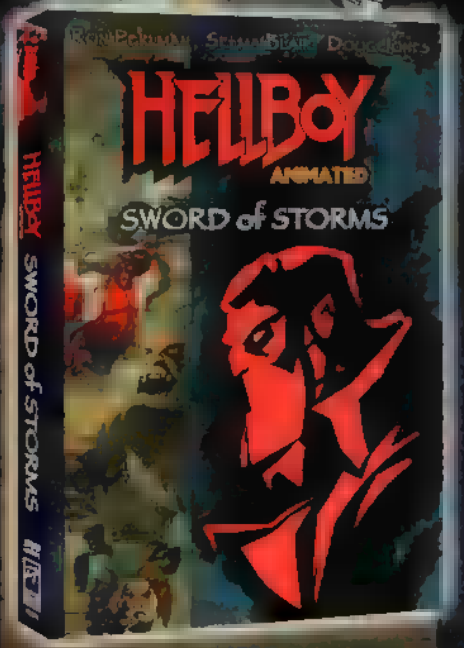

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OH, COME ON!
YOU WANNA WATCH WHICH LINES YOU'RE STEPPIN' OVER, PAL! BAD ENOUGH THIS WHOLE THING IS A FREAK SHOW—
C'MON, HAWK... DON'T.
FREAK SHOW?! THIS IS REALITY! WHETHER ANY OF US LIKES IT OR NOT—!
HANK'S GONE... BUT THERE'S STILL A CHANCE HERE. A CHANCE FOR ME TO DO SOMETHING. AND I WON'T LET THIS ONE SLIP AWAY...
...NOT FOR ANYTHING!
AND THE OSCAR GOES TO...
JAN... WOULD IT [redacted] OKAY IF YOU [redacted] I HAD A LITTLE TALK...
...IN PRIVATE...?

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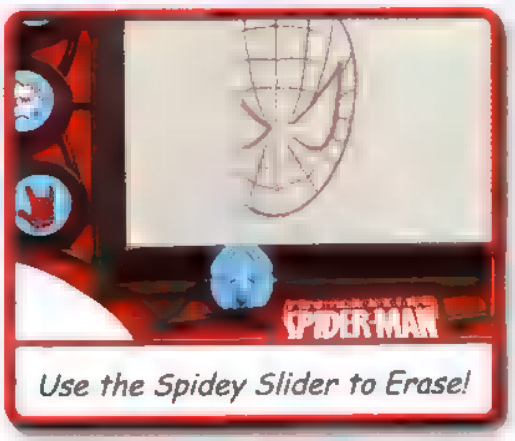

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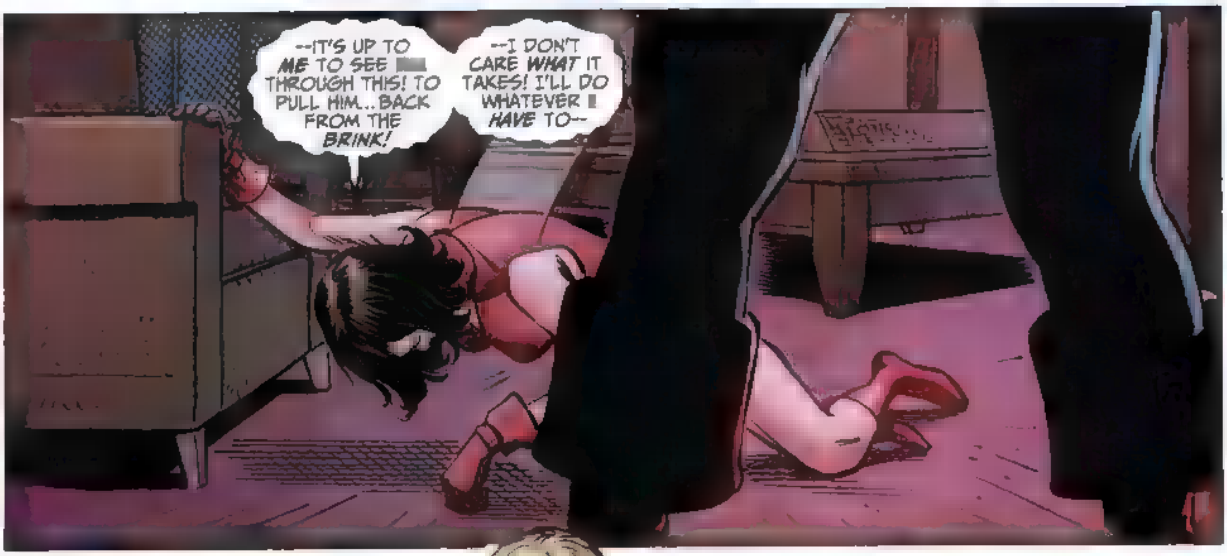
...I MEAN, I THINK NICK FURY IS READY TO HAVE ME COMMITTED ALONG WITH [redacted].
WHATEVER CREDIBILITY I MIGHT'VE [redacted] WITH HIM... THIS LITTLE OPERATION HAS CERTAINLY USED IT ALL UP.
TO SAY THE LEAST. [redacted] THEY TELL ME EVERYTHING IS SET, AS PER YOUR INSTRUCTIONS. EVEN [redacted] WILL BE AN [redacted] S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT.
BUT I WANT TO HEAR IT FROM YOU. WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
WHY?! ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO SEEMS TO BE INTERESTED IN TAKING SOME ACTION--ANY ACTION--TO HELP HIM! THE REST OF THEM WON'T LIFT A FINGER! [redacted] THAT INCLUDES YOU, CAP--!
JAN, YOU [redacted] WE'RE ONLY FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATION OF FURY'S PSYCH EXPERT--
IT'S WRONG... IT'S JUST PLAIN WRONG...
...AND NO ONE GETS IT. THIS WHOLE THING IS KILLING ME. I'M JUST... AS CONFUSED AS ANYONE...!
BUT IT'S DIFFERENT FOR THE REST OF YOU... TO YOU, HE'S JUST A TEAMMATE. ANOTHER SOLDIER IN THE TRENCHES...
...BUT I LOVE HIM.

I...I WANT TO SPEND MY LIFE WITH [redacted]. I KNOW HE'S HURTING. WHY ELSE WOULD THIS HAVE HAPPENED...?
BUT DOING NOTHING...I DON'T [redacted] WHAT AGENT CARVER'S ASSESSMENT IS...
JAN, CAN'T WE JUST--
NO---!
I DON'T NEED YOU TRYING TO TALK ME OUT OF THIS! I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS WHAT'S BEST FOR HIM!
THERE MAY BE... ONLY ONE CHANCE TO BRING HIM BACK.. AND THIS COULD BE IT--!
HANK IS STILL THERE-- [redacted] DEEP DOWN--


--IT'S UP TO ME TO SEE [redacted] THROUGH THIS! TO PULL HIM..BACK FROM THE BRINK!
--I DON'T CARE WHAT IT TAKES! I'LL DO WHATEVER I HAVE TO--

--IT'S...M-MY RESPONSIBILITY...!
--YOU PEOPLE... YOU DON'T LOVE HIM-- I DO--! I C-CAN'T--
JAN, JAN... SHHHH...IT'S OKAY...
...EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE OKAY.

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...I'LL TELL YA SOMETHIN', KID. I DIDN'T SEE THIS ONE COMIN'...!
MAYBE NOT. BUT THEY SURE THROW ONE HELLUVA PARTY IN THIS HOUSE.
YEAH, I'LL GIVE 'EM THAT...
...LOOKS LIKE HALLOWEEN EXPLODED IN HERE.
ANYONE KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS YELLOWJACKET GUY? I MEAN, I FIGURED THE INSECT MOTIF HAD BEEN PLAYED OUT...
AND YOU'D KNOW, WALL-CRAWLER. BUT I THINK WE'RE BETTER OFF JUST ENJOYIN' THE FREE EATS AND NOT THINKIN' ABOUT IT TOO MUCH.
THIS IS HARRIS IN SECTOR FOUR.
I'M COVERING THE MUTANTS FROM XAVIER'S SCHOOL. NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY...
...WE'RE STILL IN CODE BLUE, SIR.
ROGER THAT, HARRIS. COORDINATE WITH EXTERIOR AGENTS AS MORE GUESTS ARRIVE.
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He who aims with his hand has forgotten the face of his father. You aim with your eye.
You do not shoot with your hand.
Cuthbert Allgood, son of Robert. His constant stream of jokes and kind nature hide deep complexity and dark turns.
He who shoots with his hand has forgotten the face of his father. You shoot with your mind.
Alain Johns, son of Christopher. Despite his dullish looks, he is clever and sensitive, and has psychic skills called "the touch."
You do not kill with your gun.
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That's his strength, but also his weakness. Knowing what's been don't mean a thing if something new is coming.
You can tell that, even with Roland having announced right in front of him what his weapon is, Cort still doesn't fully kennit.
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At him, David!

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THIS WHOLE THING... A COMPLETE FARCE. AND NOW I'M HIP-DEEP IN IT...!
SECURITY TEAMS INSIDE AND OUT. I CAN'T BELIEVE THE MANPOWER I'M WASTING ON THIS THING!
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE TAKEN OFF GUARD BY THIS, FURY.
[redacted] ARE ACTING OUT OF CONCERN FOR OUR TEAMMATE, [redacted] MAN. SURELY [redacted] CAN ALL AGREE THAT-- NO MATTER WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCE-- THIS IS--
INVITING THE ENTIRE SUPER-POWERED COMMUNITY OVER FOR A FAKE WEDDING ISN'T WHAT I'D CALL A "CIRCUMSTANCE"...!
IT WAS A COURSE OF ACTION DECIDED UPON BY ALL ACTIVE AVENGERS.
NOW WAIT A MINUTE--
GENTLEMEN, PLEASE. LET'S NOT DO THIS. WE'VE GOT ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH WITHOUT HURLING ACCUSATIONS AT EACH OTHER.
RECOMMENDATIONS ASIDE, JAN WAS THE SENIOR MEMBER...
YEAH, [redacted] WE'RE ALL PAYIN' FOR THAT. YA ASK ME... IT'S A DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN.
WE'VE GOT AN UNSTABLE HERO OUT THERE ABOUT TO TAKE PART IN A SHOTGUN WEDDING THAT LITTLE [redacted]SS VAN DYNE THINKS IS GONNA HELP S[redacted] HER BEAU OUT OF... WHATEVER'S THE MATTER WITH HIM...!
SO, WHAT... I GUESS NOW [redacted] ALL GO OUT THERE AND ACT NORMAL, RIGHT?
I THOUGHT JAN AND HANK WERE A LONG-TERM THING...
INDEED. THIS UNION IS A CONFUSING TURN OF EVENTS, TO SAY THE LEAST--
UMMM... WHAT CAN I TELL YOU, DOC? SHE'S GOT A WILD [redacted] YOU-KNOW-WHERE...

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T'CHALLA...!
I WAS WONDERING WHERE YOU WERE.
GREETINGS, REED. I ASSUME YOU'RE NOT HERE ALONE...
SUE'S IN THE BACK WITH JAN, HELPING HER WITH HER DRESS. BUT I HAVE TO ASK...
...HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THIS "YELLOWJACKET"? [redacted] MY GOD, [redacted]RE IS DOCTOR PYM IN ALL THIS...?!
I'M... AHHH...NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE --
SO, WHEN [redacted] THEY GONNA GET WITH THE NUPTIALS?! I'M GETTIN' ANTSY...
SEEMS LIKE THERE'S ENOUGH REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED FOR EVEN YOU TO ENJOY YOURSELF, BEN..
I DUNNO, STRETCHO... THERE'S [redacted] WEIRD VIBE [redacted] HERE. DON'T TELL [redacted] YOU DON'T FEEL IT...
SO FAR, SO GOOD. ALL THINGS CONSIDERED...
I KNOW YOU TALKED TO HER, CAP... BUT THIS GUEST LIST IS COMPLETELY OVER-THE-TOP. TOO MANY OF THESE PEOPLE KNOW HANK TOO WELL...
HUMAN NATURE IS MYSTERIOUS ENOUGH UNDER SO-CALLED "NORMAL" CONDITIONS...
...I'VE FOUND THERE IS A LEVEL OF TOLERANCE FOR ABERRANT [redacted]EHAVIOR WHEN PERPETRATED BY THOSE WHO NATURALLY ENGENDER TRUST. THE WASP CERTAINLY FALLS INTO THAT CATEGORY.
ONE THING IS CERTAIN: PEOPLE SEE WHAT THEY WANT TO SEE.

I KNOW THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO ■ INCOGNITO, ■ THERE'S ■ AWFUL LOT OF SECURITY FOR A PARTY FULL OF SUPER HEROES...
YOU THINK IT'S BECAUSE OF US...?
I HAVE ■ FEELING THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON HERE BEYOND MUTANT PREJUDICES...
VISION.
YOU SEEM ILL AT EASE. ■■■ YOU FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES..?
NOT EXACTLY. I'M... SIMPLY NOT ACCUSTOMED TO THIS LEVEL OF SOCIAL INTERACTION...
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HOLD IT RIGHT THERE--
MAKE NO MISTAKE, PAL... THIS ISN'T THE N.Y.P.D. YOU'RE DEALING WITH. WE'RE S.H.I.E.L.D. AND WE DON'T MESS AROUND.
SO LET'S GO. HANDS ABOVE YOUR HEAD ■■■■■ WE CALL THIS ■. NO ■■■■■■ MOVES...
...WE'RE FULLY AUTHORIZED TO USE DEADLY FORCE.

THEY SAY CATERING IS A CUTTHROAT BUSINESS...
...THEY HAVE NO IDEA.
GAMBONNOS... GET HIM TO HIS FEET. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO PREPARE.
YOU HEARD THE BOSS, JEEVES. DON'T MAKE US POUND YOU...
PREP THE EXPLOSIVES, CLOWN. AND SOMEONE CHECK AND SEE IF THAT BLUSTERING LONGHAIR WHO THINKS HE'S A GOD HAS SHOWN UP...
WAIT--
--SO STUPID... ACTUALLY EXCHANGED VOWS, FER CHRI--
WHA--?!
WHAT THE HELL?!
CANNONBALL! HE'S YOURS--!

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WHOA--!
RIGHT THERE--!
WHUUULF--!
SON OF A--
YOU BOZOS... PICKED THE WRONG PARTY TO CRASH...
GAAAHH--!

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...I'M... B-BLIND...
AWWW YEAH, BABY--!
SO...THE RINGMASTER AND HIS CIRCUS OF CRIME. FINALLY TAKING A SHOT AT THE BIG LEAGUES, HUH?
SORRY TO BE THE ONE TO BURST YOUR BUBBLE, MAYNARD. BUT WE'VE GOT ENOUGH PROBLEMS RIGHT NOW WITHOUT YOU FREAKS--
THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH FROM YOU, ARCHER.
I'M SURE YOU'RE FEELING VERY MANLY RIGHT NOW, BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU...
...I'M THE ONE IN CONTROL HERE.
UNLESS, OF COURSE, YOU DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE HIRED HELP AROUND HERE. WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME ONE BIT. AND IF THAT'S THE CASE...
...MAYBE I SHOULD JUST SHOOT HIM RIGHT NOW.

CAN WE DROP THE TESTOSTERONE CONTEST AND GET ON WITH THIS? IF HAWKEYE'S ALREADY MADE US--
NO WORRIES, PRINCESS. IF THIS IS THE KIND OF MUSCLE THE AVENGERS ARE PACKIN'...
...THIS'LL [redacted] A PIECE O' CAKE! HAH! GET IT--?
DON'T MAKE ME HAVE TO PUT YOU UNDER, CLOWN.
EVERYONE JUST REMEMBER THE PLAN. AFTER TONIGHT, [redacted] CAN PRETTY MUCH PICK THE BONES OF NEW YORK CITY...
...SINCE THERE'LL BE NO [redacted] LEFT TO PROTECT IT.
--I JUST WANT TO SAY... I REALIZE A LOT OF YOU DON'T KNOW ME VERY WELL. THAT'LL CHANGE, TRUST ME!
THERE'S A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN! SO LET'S ALL TOAST TO THE SUPER HERO CELEBRITY WEDDING OF THE CENTURY--
--AND TO MY ONE [redacted] ONLY BRIDE! I'LL MAKE ALL HER DREAMS COME TRUE!

HE'S CERTAINLY MORE LOQUACIOUS THAN HANK EVER WAS...
OBVIOUSLY, WE'RE WITNESSING HIS UNBRIDLED ID UNLEASHED THROUGH THIS NEW PERSONA.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, ANYONE SEEN HAWKEYE...?
SO, WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE, HOTSHOT...?
ARE YOU JUST GONNA SIT THERE AND WATCH ME CAP THIS POOR WRETCH...?
WELL...?
SMART CHOICE.
SO WE'VE GOT TWO HOSTAGES, IF WE NEED 'EM, AND THOR OR NO THOR, I SAY WE GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD.
OH, BY ALL MEANS, GO FOR THE GOLD, FELLAS. BUT DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU...
...YOU'LL BE SORRY.

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Whenever I do a column like the one last month, calling out some of the unsung, behind-the-scenes heroes of Marvel, it's inevitable that somebody's going to be overlooked. So, in a Solomon-like attempt to turn a mistake into a plus, I want to take a second to heap some praise on Justin F. Gabrie, Marvel's Managing Editor. Hey, it's cheaper than an apology.

Something of a jack-of-all-trades, Justin (a.k.a. JG) interfaces with the printers and the Bullpen about Marvel's printing schedule across the boards (and thus is responsible for buying us the time needed to squeak a key late-running book onto the stands when it ought to be). And longtime readers may remember when Justin was an Assistant Editor in Don Daley's office (back when he went by his middle name "Freddy"), working on the Punisher titles and company crossovers like PUNISHER/BATMAN: DEADLY KNIGHTS and PUNISHER MEETS ARCHIE.

Justin's also got a background as a filmmaker, and he recently uploaded a number of his short films to YouTube.

You can check 'em out at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3AzWpDWHR8A and http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMvuWbd9ytQ

Next month, howsabout we talk less about us, and more about you guys, the fans? Write you then.

Tom B

AUBREY [illegible]'S OUT-OF-CONTEXT FUNNIES

This month's [illegible] comes from [illegible] #13, [illegible] 1977

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FIVE FUN FACTOIDS FROM ALEJANDRO ARBONA

Assistant Editor of [illegible] IRON [illegible], SENSATIONAL SPIDER-MAN, & HYPERION [illegible], NIGHTHAWK

1) [illegible] and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico--recently named the happiest country in the world!
2) Because [illegible] raised speaking Spanish with my parents and [illegible] my American-born Grandma [illegible] learned both languages at the same time.
3) I learned all about literature from my book-crazy parents, but my [illegible] lessons in visual art came [illegible] grandfather, the Puerto Rican artist Lorenzo [illegible], [illegible] two influences, and I love comics!
4) A small child once asked if [illegible] Peter Parker. It's the best compliment I've ever gotten.
5) I met my girlfriend at my [illegible] job after college, [illegible] she was my boss. We now [illegible] work at Marvel [illegible] me [illegible] [illegible] on Tom Brevoort.

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MAN...! I'M NOT FEELIN' RIGHT...
YEAH... ME TOO...
IF I MAY...
...I THINK YOUR PROXIMITY TO EACH OTHER IS AFFECTING YOUR, SHALL WE SAY, UNIQUE BODY CHEMISTRIES.

HANK'S BEHAVIOR... ARE YOU NOTICING ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT...?
[redacted] FEW NERVOUS FACIAL TICS. WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING...

NOW THIS IS A CAKE! NOTHING BUT THE BEST FOR MY NEW WIFE!
CAN'T WAIT TO DIG INTO THIS SUGAR FIX, CAN YOU, HON?
AHHH... NO, IT LOOKS GREAT.

OH, FER THE LOVE OF-- JUST HOW LONG [redacted] GONNA ACT LIKE [redacted] DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WHAT?!
REMEMBER, JAN CALLED THIS PLAY. LET'S JUST SEE IF IT PANS OUT.

EVERYONE... I KNOW THIS LOOKS LIKE MY SWORD...
...BUT [redacted] SINCERELY DOUBT THE WASP NEEDS ANY ENCHANTMENT TO CUT THE WEDDING CAKE. THIS REPLICA WILL DO THE JOB JUST FINE.

O-OKAY, THEN...
EVERYONE... UMMM...GATHER ROUND AND SAY A LITTLE PRAYER THAT I DON'T MAKE A COMPLETE MESS OF THIS...!
NOT POSSIBLE. BUT LET'S MAKE IT SNAPPY, SWEETHEART. I'M GETTIN' A LITTLE IMPATIENT OVER HERE.
I'M READY FOR THIS SHINDIG TO BE OVER, SO YOU AND I CAN GET STARTED ON THE HONEYMOON PORTION OF THIS LOVE STORY. KNOW WHAT I MEAN, BABE?
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SURE...
HOLD IT...
...I THINK I JUST HIT SOMETHING... INSIDE THE—
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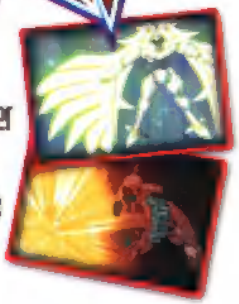

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